

PLANNING BOARD

Annual Report FY 2015

The Seekonk Planning Board is a seven-member elected board, which implements the Town's Subdivision Rules and Regulations, ensuring that streets, sidewalks and utilities under construction in a subdivision meet the Town's specifications. The Board also administers the Zoning By-Laws as required for Site Plan Review.

Members included, Neal H. Abelson, Michael Bourque, Lee B. Dunn, Sandra M. Foulkes, Ronald Bennett, Dave Viera and David Sullivan, Jr. On April 6, 2015, Michael Bourque and Sandra M. Foulkes were reelected to serve on the Planning Board. David F. Viera ran successfully for Board of Selectmen and resigned from the Planning Board. The Planning Board wishes him well and will miss his input.

April 14, 2015, the Planning Board voted to re-organize their members: Neal H. Abelson, Chairman; Ronald Bennett, Vice-Chairman; Michael Bourque, Clerk; David Sullivan, Jr., Vice-Clerk.

This year, John J. Aubin, III, was hired as Town Planner. The Planning Board welcomes his expertise.

Public Hearings

September 9, 2014, the Planning Board held public hearings to update the Zoning Bylaws, which includes a new definitions section, dimensional table and use table as well as an overall reorganization of the bylaws; a public hearing was also held to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land.

May 12, 2015, the Planning Board held a public hearing to replace the Groundwater Aquifer Protection District with the Water Resource Protection District as proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners.

The Planning Board also held public hearings amending 4 existing Definitive Subdivisions.

Plan Reviews

Plans reviewed by the Planning Board in FY 2015:

Subdivisions:

Form A Plans: 5 submittals reviewed; 3 new lots created.

Preliminary Plans: 2 submittals reviewed;

Curt Street Extension: 4 lots approved;

Stone Ridge: 12 lots approved

Definitive Plans: 1 submittal reviewed;
Winterfell Estates: 11 lots approved

Total of 30 new lots created

Site Plans:
9 Site Plan submittals approved

Respectfully Submitted,
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Town Planner